

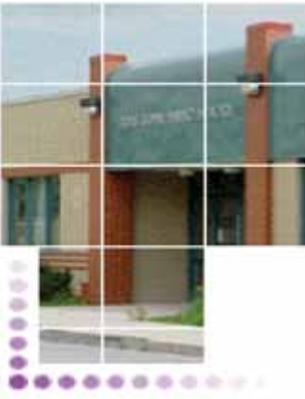


# Ross Doan Public School

## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

At Ross Doan Public School, we pride ourselves on being a GOLD Certified Eco school and have been involved in a variety of environmental initiatives. The Eco Team has recently submitted an application to Ontario Eco Schools, which reflects the work that has been completed during this school year in hopes of achieving GOLD certification once again. Some of the activities that our students have been engaged in include, lights out for Earth Day, planting seeds, cleaning up the playground and ravine, and weeding of our front garden. Our Pause To Play day last week was also a huge success. Students rotated through various heart-healthy outdoor activities which were led by grade 8 students from Roselawn Public. Great fun was had by all!



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**Daily Schedule**

Entry Bell	8:55 a.m.
Instructional Time	9:00-10:40 a.m.
Recess	10:40-11:10 a.m.
Instructional Time	11:10-12:50 p.m.
Lunch	12:50-1:50 p.m.
Instructional Time	12:50 - 3:30
Dismissal	3:30 p.m.



This year, we identified the area of mathematics as our focus for improvement. Teachers have been participating in professional learning and dialogue related to this focus area and applying new learning to the teaching and learning experiences taking place in each classroom. We have focused a great deal on an inquiry-based learning approach to the teaching of mathematics. Students participate in 3-part math lessons, for instance, which involve them initially in activating prior knowledge, followed with time to solve word problems individually and with peers, and finally opportunities to consolidate and practice strategies and concepts learned. If you are interested in learning more about the 3 Part Math Lesson, click [here](#) for video demonstrations. Visit [IXL](#) with your child and practice some math activities together. Teachers have username and passwords if you wish to access more.

EQAO testing for grade 3 students is quickly approaching. This year, testing will be conducted between May 28th and June 4th. These standardized provincial tests are an important snapshot on how successful our students are in reading, writing, and math in comparison to their peers in the board and the province. Join us for EQAO Parent Session #2 on May 13 from 5:30 – 6:30 in the library to learn more.

We will continue our efforts in these final few months of this school year to lay the foundation for future learning. Happy Spring!





**SCHOOL GOAL**



**Character Traits PERSEVERANCE AND INTEGRITY**

## Healthy Schools



This month, our school will be skipping our way to healthy living! On May 10<sup>th</sup> (May 30 for the Tues/Thurs Kindergarten classes) we will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart. What is a Heart

Hero? Being a Heart Hero means helping keep all kids' hearts strong and healthy. Only 7% of Canadian children and youth are meeting the recommended 60 minutes of moderate- to vigorous-intensity exercise every day of the week. Through skipping and fundraising for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Jump Rope for Heart teaches children the importance of healthy living and social responsibility.



## Positive Climates Corner

As April was Earth Month, we jam packed the month with Eco celebrations! During Earth week we had "Lights Out!" in order to raise energy conservation awareness. All classes also pitched in to clean up around our school yard and community. What an excellent team effort! In collaboration with Roselawn Public School, we participated in "Pause to Play", where students took part in games that encouraged them to save their electronics' energy, and spend some of their physical energy. To promote recycling, we are in the middle of our plastic bottle totem pole building contest! Stay tuned for details and pictures of our totem poles!



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## Literacy News

The instructional strategy this month is "synthesizing." When we synthesize information, we take individual pieces of information and combine them with our prior knowledge. We begin to see a pattern emerge, and we form a new picture or idea from the pieces of information. Each bit of information we encounter adds a piece to the construction of meaning. In the same way that a jigsaw puzzle moves toward completion piece by piece, our thoughts become more complete as we add more information.

### Synthesizing

Sometimes readers have a true synthesis, an "Aha" of sorts where they achieve new insight and change their thinking. This is the ultimate form of synthesis.

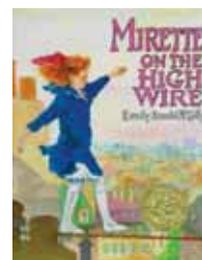
### Parents

What can you do?

- ⇒ Ask your child to summarize their thinking and jot down new thoughts or ideas that occur to them as they read.
- ⇒ As your child reads more texts, they will learn more about the subject as they put together information from several books. They begin to see the big picture.
- ⇒ Visit the public library and read books to your child while focusing on asking them questions about the text.

Here are some book suggestions.

- ⇒ Mirette on a High Wire by Emily Arnold
- ⇒ Georgia Music by Helen V. Griffith
- ⇒ An Octopus is Amazing by P. Lauber



# LIBRARY NEWS



Silver Birch Voting Day took place on Thursday, April 18th when one hundred avid readers voted for their favourite Silver Birch Express book from the ten nominated fiction and non-fiction books. Afterwards, all of our grade 3 and 4 classes gathered Together in the library as Mrs. Blackman revealed the winning title, *Margaret and the Moth Tree* by Brit Trogren. Our school's results were submitted to the Ontario Library Association to be merged with the results for other participating school and public libraries. Winning authors and Illustrators for the *2013 Forest of Reading Reading Programs*, including Blue Spruce and Silver Birch, will be announced in late May. Special thanks to School Council for its continued support of our school's reading programs this year!



TumbleBook Library is an on-line collection of animated, talking picture books that teach children the joy of reading in a format they'll love. TumbleBooks are created by taking existing picture books, adding animation, sound, music and narration to produce an electronic picture book that children can read, or have read to them.

To logon to this exciting website, go to:

[www.tumblebooklibrary.com](http://www.tumblebooklibrary.com)

Username: rosdoan

Password: books

For further information, please contact Gail Blackman, our Teacher-Librarian



## Student Bussing Eligibility

Did you know that students' bussing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:

- All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation.

To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit [www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca). For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit: [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com).



- May 8th Welcome to Kindergarten evening
- May 13th EQAO Parent Session #2 @ 5:30 pm
- May 13th @ 6:30 School Council Meeting
- May 20th Victoria Day—NO SCHOOL



### Will you be here this September 2013?

We are already planning for the upcoming 2013-2014 school year! We are in the process of projecting the number of students who will be attending Ross Doan next year. We ask that families assist us with these preparations by informing the office (in writing) if you are moving out of the Ross Doan P.S. area. Please include the last day of attendance and the school your child(ren) will be attending. This will also facilitate in the transfer of your child's records (OSR). This information is very important for staffing and organizing our classes. Thank you!



## CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs LaMarche's grade 2 class for fundraising a total of \$470 for this year's Wii Move a thon.  
 Special mention to Mrs. Argintaru's Tu/Thurs class for fundraising the 2nd largest amount with \$282 (amazing what those little guys can do!!!)



Mirror Paint

MirrorPaint Lite is a simple painting application for children, as well as adults. It allows you to paint using reflections creating a kaleidoscope effect. It also introduces the basics of scripting using a simple language called Logo. Learn about lines of symmetry or create beautiful designs and optical illusions.



Endless Alphabet

Set the stage for reading success with this delightfully interactive educational app. Kids will have a blast learning their ABC's and building vocabulary with the adorable monsters in Endless Alphabet. Each word features an interactive puzzle game with talking letters and a short animation illustrating the definition. Before you know it, your child will be using words like gargantuan and cooperate!



# MAY 2013

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 LEGO	4
5	6	7 TEN TEN SPORTS	8 SCIENTIST IN Grade 3s	9 THE CLASSROOM	10 JUMP ROPE FOR HEART	
			WELCOME TO KDGN @ 6PM	→	LAST DAY LEGO	
	13 EQAO PARENT SESSION #2 @ 5:30  SCHOOL COUNCIL MTG @ 6:30	14	15	16 HOT DOG DAY  	17 PIZZA DAY  	18
19 	20 VICTORIA DAY  NO SCHOOL	21	22	23	24 JUMP ROPE FOR HEART ASSEMBLY	25
					PIZZA DAY	
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# Ross Doan School Council Newsletter

May 2013

## Your School 2012-2013 Council Representatives

Bernadette Smith - Principal  
Stephanie Signer- Teacher Rep.  
Yvonne Sun - Teacher Rep.  
Tanya Dymont - Chair  
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Johanne Merritt - Treasurer  
Shelley Beaudry - Secretary  
Ginny Brod - Fundraising Chair  
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Calvin Ni- Parent Rep.  
Smita (Tina) Patel- Parent Rep.  
Ora Goldin- Parent Rep.  
Mojgan Shojaei-Parent Rep  
Norma Laughlin - Community Rep.

## **EQAO PARENT SESSION**

**MONDAY, MAY 13, 2013**

**5:30—6:30**

At the beginning of our last School Council meeting, Mrs. Smith & Miss Sun facilitated an EQAO Parent Session for parents of Grade 3 students. A second interactive, session that will focus more on the types of questions that make up the EQAO tests in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics will be offered on Monday, May 13 from 5:30—6:30. Parents of grade 3 students will be receiving an invitation shortly. If you wish to attend and do not have a child in Grade 3, please send an email to [bernadette.smith@yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:bernadette.smith@yrdsb.edu.on.ca) indicating that you would like to attend.

## **POPCORN FRIDAYS**

We are continuing to sell Kernels Popcorn during lunch each Friday for \$2.00 a bag.

We are selling popcorn to raise money for the grade 4 year end trip to Medieval Times.

## Upcoming Meeting “Tentative” Dates

Monday, May 13th, 2013

Tuesday, June 11th, 2013

Join us from 6:30 - 8:30

Don't forget to read our monthly school newsletter as it will be full of information about events, happenings and other activities our school will be involved with.

Should you have any questions or concerns contact us via email at [ross.doan.ps@sc.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:ross.doan.ps@sc.yrdsb.edu.on.ca) or by calling us at (905) 884-4022 ext 702

## **Wii MOVE-A-THON**

The Wiii Move-a-thon was a huge success. Together, we raised \$2628.03. Congratulations!! Mrs LaMarche's gr 2 class wins the Pizza Lunch for fundraising a total of \$470 for this year's Wii Move a thon.

## **ROSS DOAN SUMMER CARNIVAL**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2013**

**5:45—7:45**

Ross Doan School Council will be inviting students and their families to our Summer Carnival on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 5:45 to 7:45.

A sneak peak of events includes a Teacher Bake Sale, Basket Raffles, Inflatable slide and Cotton Candy.....

We will be serving Pizza-Pizza.

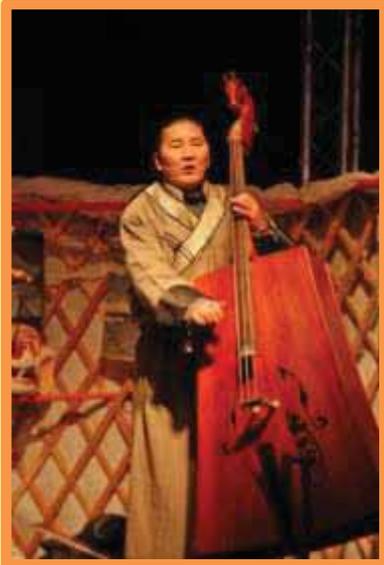
**Thank you to all our volunteers. No matter how much time, every minute counts.**

**After all, without you none of these initiatives would be possible.**

# Asian Heritage Month Community Celebration in Richmond Hill

Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts  
10268 Yonge Street

Date: Sunday May 12, 2013  
Time: 3:30 – 5:00pm



Presented by

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**Free Admission**

**RSVP: Email for tickets by Monday May 6, 2013**